

Korean War Veterans of Australia

Those reading the submission will not necessarily understand the thinking and knowledge behind the submission. So the information needs to be presented in an easily readable, clear and unambiguous way, in order to get the reader

Following are suggestions to help this submission receive the attention it deserves. The suggestions are grouped under the headings of Spelling and Syntax; Presentation; Strategy

Spelling and Syntax

1. Submission page 1, 8th line down. Should
2. Submission page 1, 16th line down. Correct spelling in this context is
3. Submission page 1, lines 20
4. Submission page 1, line 24. Spell out in full e those reading this submission who wont know what AASM or RAS mean. Thereafter in your text it is OK to simply state AASM & RAS.
5. Submission page 1, line 7 from bottom. You have spelled out
6. Submission page 1 second last line does not read good English expression. up 1956 etc

Presentation

1. It helps when referring to statements or words, to be able to identify quickly the matter in question. Can you therefore group your points and number them, in a manner similar to the way I am doing here.
2. Put a line space between points. It helps differentiation so that one point does not run into the one before or after. Also, don
3. Submission page 1 near the bottom of the page. It is unclear if the sentence about Mohr and Kennedy should be linked to the next sentence. If there is a link, the two sentences should be grouped together in the same paragraph.
4. Submission page 2, the references to Causley, Hore et al. This needs expanding, maybe in an appendix or a foot note, because by themselves they donent any sort of convincing argument. What were the submissions? When were the submissions made? Who made them? Importantly, what were the responses?
5. In a similar vein, give more detail about Danna Vale
6. Submission page 2. Final paragraph is weak, and reminds me of Oliver Twist, We donhope for anything. We **expect** fair and equitable treatment because it is our right
7. I find the various dates confusing. As well as quoting the promulgated dates for the issue of medals, you reference the following:
1950 until 1957
June 1950
July 1953 1956
1957
Can you simplify this a bit?
8. The submission should be dated, especially as your opening remark

Strategy

There are a number of different issues here.

1. It does not help to get anyone off-side, no matter how you feel. Statements like h as It is understood that the Minister Assisting the Defence Minister, Mr Mal Brough, has this matter under review

Similarly page 1 fourth line from the bottom, I and submissions are unethical people

2. My feeling is that this letter should be addressed to can go straight to the PM

3. This is a national and bi-partisan matter, above politics. Therefore send copies to the major political bodies, again by name, such as Bob Brown, Mark Latham, and maybe even Brian Harradine. Get as many influential people as possible on side. As a way out suggestion, send a copy to Tim Fischer with a little personal note asking for support. He is a Vietnam Vet with lots of good contacts.

As a matter of courtesy, as your submission references both Danna Vale and Jo Gash, you should send a copy to each, just

4. Consider talking with Rod Simpson, President of Husky RSL Sub Branch. Ask for RSL unofficial assistance in editing your submission to give it its best chance of success. If you do talk with Rod, give him my best wishes and say I expect to see him as RSL NSW State President by 2006.

5. It is a difficult task in issues such as this to present the matter succinctly, yet cover the essentials adequately. There is always the risk that busy people will . The solution is to start with an verviewabo ut 120 words you attempt to summarise the essentials. You then proceed with the details. Following is an example of an Executive Summary:

, being supported by 23,000* Australian Korean War Veterans, is that the Korean service of these Defence Force personnel between the inclusive dates of 28 July 1953 and 26 July 1954 be recognised as deserving of the awards of the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) and the Returned From Active Service (RAS) brooch.

With the exception of the Vietnam conflict which was a declared war zone, during the intervening years between 1954 and 2003, Australian Defence Force personnel have been engaged in various Emergencies, Exercises and Patrols, identical in nature, scope and risk to the role of the Korean Veterans between July 1953 and July 1954. For service in these various aforementioned ventures, Defence Force personnel have been awarded the AASM and the RAS brooch. It is therefore submitted that the Korean Veterans so affected have been discriminated against, and restitution by way of award of the AASM and the RAS brooch be approved.

Following this Executive Summary, you then go into the detail supporting the claim. The * is to remind you to put your own number here.